

Ch.1 Inertial Frames and classical mechanics

SR: The comparison of measurements made in Different inertial reference frames (IRF's)

Newtons 2nd Law holds in IRF

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

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For constant mass

Yields

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \vec{F}_x &= m\vec{a}_x \\ \sum \vec{F}_y &= m\vec{a}_y \\ \sum \vec{F}_z &= m\vec{a}_z\end{aligned}$$

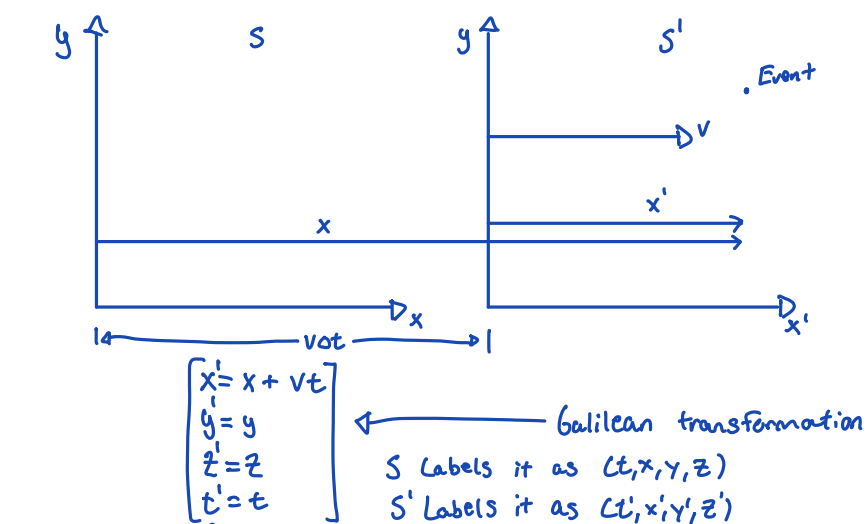
IN an IRF w/o net force....

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 = m\vec{a} \therefore a_x = a_y = a_z = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \text{constant}$$

Galilean Transformation

Event : Need 4 coordinates i.e. (t, x, y, z)



note:

Time is considered absolute
Same for all observers

All wrong

$$t_2' = t_1', t_2 = t_1$$

Notice:

From the GT's length differences and time intervals
the same in both frames.

Lets let x_1, x_2 be the coordinates of the left and right
ends of a meterstick

- The length of the stick, according to S, is $x_2 - x_1 = l$
- The length of the stick, according to S', is $x_2' - x_1' = l'$

$$\begin{aligned}l' &= x_2' - x_1' \\ &= x_2 - vt_2 - (x_1 - vt_1) \\ &= x_2 - x_1 - v(t_2 - t_1) \quad \text{--- } \Delta = 0 \\ &= x_2 - x_1 = l\end{aligned}$$

Taking the time derivatives of the G.T's ...

$$V_x' = \frac{dx'}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt}(x - vt) = \frac{dx}{dt} - v = v_x - v$$

$$V_y' = \frac{dy'}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt}y = v_y$$

$$V_z' = \frac{dz'}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt}z = v_z$$

Galilean Velocity Transformations

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x' = v_x - v \\ v_y' = v_y \\ v_z' = v_z \end{bmatrix} \text{ - Galilean Velocity Transformation}$$

Are Newton's Laws of mechanics in all inertial reference frames?

Taking $\frac{d}{dt}$ of G.V.T

$$a_x' = \frac{dv_x'}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt}(v_x - v) = \frac{dv_x}{dt} - (v_x - v) = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = a_x \quad \therefore \quad \ddot{x}' = \ddot{x}$$

$$a_y' = \frac{dv_y'}{dt'} = \frac{d}{dt}v_y = a_y$$

$$a_z' = a_z$$

Newton's 2nd Law is invariant under GT

\Rightarrow All IRF see the same laws of nature